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Declaration of the Fourth Disarmament Decade (2008-2018)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, in particular those relating to its declaration of the First, Second and Third Disarmament Decades,[1]

Reaffirming the validity of the Final Document of the First Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament,[2]

Recalling the conclusion of the Secretary-General in his latest report to the General Assembly on the work of the Organization, inter alia, that if ever there was time to break the deadlock in multilateral negotiations and bring disarmament back into the limelight of the international agenda, it is now; and noting his call for a more concerted international effort to build a common understanding of the most immediate nuclear threats in order to avoid a cascade of nuclear proliferation,[3]

Seriously concerned at the current disarmament, non-proliferation and international security climate,

Recognizing the urgent need to mobilize concerted and more intensive global efforts to reverse the current trend in the field of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, including, where appropriate, indicative targets for accelerating attainment of the objectives of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

[1] Resolutions 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 35/46 of 3 December 1980, and 45/62 A of 4 December 1990.

[2] Resolution S-10/2.

[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/61/1), paras. 95 and 97.

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Conscious of the significant role that a fourth disarmament decade could play in the mobilization of such global efforts to meet current and emerging challenges in the area of arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation and international security,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and appropriate international bodies, as well as of non-governmental and civil society organizations, and prepare an outline and working paper of a draft programme of activities for the first term (2008-2010) of the proposed Fourth Disarmament Decade (2008-2018), for consideration by the Assembly at its sixty-second session;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the preparation of the outline, to take into account the experience of the previous disarmament decades;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Declaration of the Fourth Disarmament Decade (2008-2018)".